

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 201
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 13/12/2024

ESTABLISHMENT OF CLUSTER-BASED LAC PROCESSING UNITS

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the progress made in establishing the promised cluster-based lac processing units so far in Jharkhand, aimed at ensuring fair prices to farmers for their produce;
- (b) the expected timeline for completion of the establishment of cluster-based lac processing units in Jharkhand, along with the Government's plan to monitor their performance; and
- (c) the current status of financial allocation and implementation process in Jharkhand for setting up lac processing units?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
(SHRI SHIVRAJ SINGH CHOUHAN)

- (a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) TO (c) OF THE RAJYA SABHA
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OF CLUSTER-BASED LAC PROCESSING UNITS.**

(a) to (c): National Institute of Secondary Agriculture (NISA), Ranchi under Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has standardized the technology of lac processing and developed lac processing unit having capacity of 100 kg/day. This unit has been licensed to three manufacturers for higher production. This processing unit helps in getting better market price by enhancing the quality. ICAR-NISA, Ranchi is also providing technical support for training and establishment of lac processing units. The institute has organized various training programmes for farmers on lac processing.

Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, Government of India has approved two clusters for lac processing in Jharkhand under Fund for Revival of Traditional Industries (SFURTI) scheme, which will benefit 1,401 artisans with assistance of Rs. 629.32 lakh from Government of India. The details of the clusters are given in **Annexure-I**.

Besides, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India also implements Van Dhan Vikas Karyakram under the scheme “Mechanism for Marketing of Minor Forest Produce (MFP) through Minimum Support Price and Development of Value Chain for MFP” which aims to generate livelihoods by harnessing forest wealth. Under this programme, MFP Focus Centres are set up mainly in tribal districts which act as Common Facility Centres for procurement and value addition of locally available MFP including lac.

The State Government of Jharkhand has established ten primary lac processing units in different districts under the State Plan, which are managed by the primary co-operative societies affiliated to Jharkhand State Co-operative Lac Marketing and Procurement Federation Limited (J.A.S.C.O.L.A.M.P.F., a Govt. of Jharkhand undertaking). The list of processing units is given in **Annexure-II**.

The ICAR Institute has started giving demonstrations and training to farmers at a fast pace through lac processing unit. Whenever the State Government brings a proposal for setting up new processing units at cluster level, it is considered on priority basis.

Details of Lac Processing Clusters under SFURTI scheme of Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises

S. No.	Cluster Name	District	Sector	SFURTI Assistance (In Rs. Lakh)	Total Artisans (In No.)
1	Bundu Lac Farming & Processing Cluster	Ranchi	Handicraft	480	901
2	Lac and Other NTFP Processing Cluster	Gumla	Handicraft	149.32	500

List of established Primary Processing Units by State Government

Sl. No.	Name	District	Processing capacity per day
1.	Amma LAMPS	Khunti	300 Kg/day
2.	Bundu LAMPS	Ranchi	300 Kg/day
3.	Siladon Primary Lac Growers's Co-operative society	Khunti	100 Kg/day
4.	Perka Van Dhan Vikas Kendra	Khunti	100 Kg/day
5.	Kewra Prathmik Laah Utpadak Sahyog Samiti Ltd.	Khunti	100 Kg/day
6.	Rampur LAMPS	Ranchi	100 Kg/day
7.	Tamra LAMPS	Simdega	300 Kg/day
8.	Patiamba Prathmik Laah Utpadak Sahyog Samiti	Simdega	100 Kg/day
9.	Surhu LAMPS	Gumla	100 Kg/day
10.	Telgaon Prathmik Laah Utpadak sahyog Samiti	Gumla	100 Kg/day
